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Appl. No.: 10/681,312 Group: Unassigned  
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For: FLEXIBLE FACTORY JOINT FOR METALLIC  
TUBES WHICH ENCLOSE LOOSELY INSIDE THEM  
OPTICAL FIBERS AND ITS METHOD OF  
CONSTRUCTION

**THIS IS NOT A NEW PATENT APPLICATION**

LETTER SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS  
FOR COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) and/or § 1.53(d)

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Commissioner for Patents  
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December 15, 2003

Sir:

The application papers for the above-identified application were originally filed on October 9, 2003 and the application was assigned Appl. No. 10/681,312.

**DOCUMENTATION**

☒ Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.41(c) and 1.53(f), attached hereto is the executed Declaration of the inventor(s) (☐ original ☒ photocopy), necessary for completing the filing requirements in connection with the above-identified application.

- ☐ Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.41(c) and 1.53(f), attached hereto is the executed Declaration that was attached to the specification at the time of execution. The attached specification is a true copy of the specification that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark office on October 9, 2003, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith.
- ☒ The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 2577-0111P on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration, corresponds to Appl. No. 10/681,312, filed October 9, 2003, entitled "FLEXIBLE FACTORY JOINT FOR METALLIC TUBES WHICH ENCLOSE LOOSELY INSIDE THEM OPTICAL FIBERS AND ITS METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION."
- ☐ Attached is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.
- ☐ Attached is an English language translation of the above-identified application that was filed in a foreign language, which should be used as the copy for examination purposes.
- ☐ See the attached Translator's Verification; or
- ☐ The undersigned states that the English translation attached hereto is a true and correct translation of the application as originally filed in a foreign language.
- ☐ Attached are \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheet(s) of formal drawings. Please substitute these corrected drawings for the corresponding \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheets of drawings on file in the above-identified application.
- ☐ Attached are substitute claims commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(h).
- ☐ Attached is a substitute abstract commencing on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).

- ☐ Attached is a substitute specification that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. The substitute specification does not contain new matter.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- ☒ Submitted concurrently herewith **under separate cover** for recording is an Assignment.

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Insert Title: FLEXIBLE FACTORY JOINT FOR METALLIC TUBES WHICH ENCLOSE LOOSELY INSIDE THEM OPTICAL FIBERS AND ITS METHOD OF CONTRUCTION

Fill in Appropriate the specification of which is attached hereto. If not attached hereto, the application is identified by the attorney docket number as set forth above and/or the following:

Information - The specification was filed on October 9, 2003 as  
For Use Without United States Application Number \_\_\_\_\_;  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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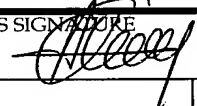
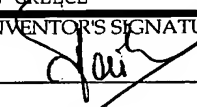
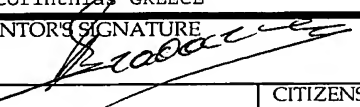
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